

REMARKS

Claims 1 – 20 are pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended. Group I, Claims 1 – 14 were elected and Claims 15 – 20 directed to Group II, were previously withdrawn.

Claims 1 – 4, 6 – 12 and 14 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by US Patent No. 5988500 (*Litman*). *Litman* does not teach or suggest a label with all the limitations of claim 1. Claim 1 recites:

A label for use with a composite material comprising:
a mesh carrier with magnetically doped ink indicia printed upon the mesh carrier, wherein the label is placed between a first layer and second layer of a composite material and is integral with an object comprised of the composite material.

Litman does not teach or suggest a label with all the limitations of claim 1 including a mesh carrier with magnetically doped ink indicia printed upon the mesh carrier. The magnetic elements in *Litman* are either magnetic labels, magnetic film strips or woven magnetic fibers. Magnetic woven fibers cannot be equated with a mesh carrier printed with magnetically doped ink indicia. Further, the magnetic elements are either elongate and straight or are randomly distributed. See, e.g. *Litman* at Col. 6, lines 29 – 155. Magnetic elements do not teach or suggest a label with magnetically doped ink indicia. Accordingly, *Litman* does not teach or suggest a label with all the limitations of claim 1 and thus claims 1 – 14 are patentable.

Claims 1 – 2, 5, 7 and 11 were rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by UPO0552047A1 (*Nishida*). *Nishida* does not teach or suggest a label with all the limitations of claim 1 including a mesh carrier with magnetically doped ink indicia printed on the mesh carrier. In *Nishida*, the marks are infrared absorbing marks. See, e.g. *Nishida* at page 2, lines 44 – 45. There is nothing to teach or suggest that they be printed using a magnetically doped ink. The magnetic layer of *Nishida* is a separate layer on the underside of the substrate. See, e.g. *Nishida* at Figure 1 and page 3, lines 51 – 52. It is not placed between a first layer and a second layer of composite material nor is there any suggestion to do so. There is not first and second layer of composite material taught or suggested by *Nishida*. In *Nishida*, the marks are placed between a white substrate and two ink layers, a colored ink layer and a white concealing layer formed by screen printing ink on the colored layer. See, e.g. *Nishida* at page 1, lines 50 – 51, and page 2, lines 2 – 3.

Claim 13 was rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being anticipated by FR-2746191A1 in view of *Litman*. As discussed above *Litman* does not teach or suggest a

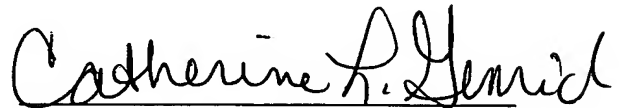
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label with all the limitations of claim 1. FR-2746191 does not make up the deficiencies in *Litman* and thus claim 13 is patentable.

CONCLUSION

Having obviated the Examiner's objections, applicant hereby seeks an early indication of allowance.

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